



Town Recreational Shellfish Crier

March 4, 2020

1. Volunteers Needed to Help with our Shellfish Nursery

Assistant Constable for Propagation "Johnny Clam" Mankevetch is looking for help with his shellfish nursery efforts for the 2020 growing season, starting soon. If you are interested in learning about shellfish farming and don't mind working in any kind of weather, please let us know via email, and we will start a volunteer group. Please bear in mind that physical labor is part of the work. It is also extremely gratifying, and Johnny is a wonderful teacher of the natural world. Email Nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov to join Johnny's Crew 2020.

2. Shellfish Advisory Board is Looking for an Intern

Are you passionate about green initiatives? Do you know someone who loves exploring environmentally friendly solutions for our marine environment? Shellfish Advisory Board is looking for a volunteer intern to help research and follow up on leads for alternatives to plastics in aquaculture gear. Please check the job description out [here](#) and share it widely. Deadline to apply is March 15.

3. Why Shellfishing in Wellfleet Closes When Temps Go Below 28°F

The Town of Wellfleet prohibits shellfishing when the air temperature is below 28 degrees. The ball will go up on the shellfish office to alert shellfishermen if the shellfishery is closed. We will also post it to our open and public [Facebook](#) page. When temp rises to 28, we will put ball down and try to update Facebook, so stay tuned at the pier definitely, or also online. The Wellfleet Shellfish Department uses the [Wellfleet Marina weather station](#) to determine air temperature, so you can check there, too.

Some of you have asked why the shellfishery closes. Seawater freezes at 28°F, and therefore, oysters which sit on top of the sand can also freeze. If they get stepped on, it can break their mantle, and they can't repair themselves, so they could potentially die. Also, when it is that cold, clams can't dig back in, and therefore, they will die. We have this rule to protect the long-term sustainability of our fragile shellfish resources.

We look forward to seeing you on the flats!

Nancy Civetta	John Mankevetch	Chris Manulla
Shellfish Constable	Assistant Constable	Deputy Constable